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Regular Meeting-

The regular meeting of the City of Port Jervis Common Council was held in the Council Chambers, 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York on Tuesday October 9th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance-

All members of the Common Council were present except Mr. David Bavoso (late arrival) and Mr. George Belcher.

Meeting opened at 7:00pm by Mayor Decker.

Pledge of Allegiance-

Mayor Decker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Youth Report- Mallory Conklin gave the youth report as follows:

Good Evening!

School physicals are required for all Elementary school students in Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 3rd Grade and 5th grade, as well as all new registrants to the school. The school's physician will be starting physicals in October for students who have not already supplied the school with a physical or notice of an upcoming appointment. Please contact the health office.

If you have an appointment for a physical with your primary physician, otherwise it will be done by the school's physician.

The ASK PTA Proudly Presents the First Annual ASK 5K on Saturday, October 27th at the Chase Field Track at the Port Jervis High School. Check-in Begins at 7:00—Race Starts at 9:00. ALL PARTICIPANTS will receive an "ASK 5K 2018" T-Shirt, Registrations Must Be Received By October 19th. All children must be accompanied by an adult—adult need not race. For Any Additional Info or Questions, please email askpta@pjschools.org

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1st Marking Period Progress Reports will be given out during the school day on Friday, October 12.

This Wednesday, October 10th from 7:30 to 11:30 is the PSAT test at the High School.

Two of our PJHS students were in the news. In June, Breanna Miller represented Port Jervis High School and the State of New York at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Marotta of the Port

Jervis High School was delighted to award Breanna an official Award of Excellence, certifying her successful completion of the Congress. Also, Marcus Figorito has been named a Commended Student in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by Mr. Marotta to this scholastically talented senior.

HS Senior Information Night will be October 11 at 7 pm in the HS Auditorium.

Congratulations to Marcus Figurito and Rachel Hockenberry, this year's homecoming King and Queen.

ALL winter sport athletes : Please see your respective Nurse ASAP to pick up your paperwork!

LAST SENIOR PORTRAIT MAKE-UP DATE IS OCTOBER 19, 2018 7:30 - 3:00 IN THE ALL-STATE GYM. YOU MUST GET YOUR PHOTO BY LORS OR IT WILL NOT BE IN THE YEARBOOK!

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The 70th annual Halloween Parade will be Saturday October 27th. Parade Lineup at 3pm at City Hall. Donuts and Cider at Farnum Park at the conclusion. There is a rain date of October 28th.

The next Board of Education Meeting is October 16at 7pm in the HS cafeteria.

Come down to Historic Port Jervis on Saturday October 27th starting at 4pm along Front Street for a fun filled October SPOOKTACULAR. Bring your ghouls and goblins all dressed up and snag a pumpkin at participating businesses! Sales, treats and so much more! Look for the event on Facebook and RSVP.

The Port Jervis Library is having a Halloween Story time at 10:30 am on October 30. Come in costume, parade around the library, decorate a goody bag, and then hear stories. Parents are asked to bring in some type of goody (individually wrapped snack items or small party favors) to share. For kids who have not yet started school.

Senior Report- Mr. Siegel announced that E-Medicare is now available at mymedicare.gov where you can make a new personalized account with your new Medicare card.

Veteran Report- Mr. Siegel announced that the next honor flight will be held on October 6th, 2018. Call 845-391-0076 or visit hvhonorflight.com for more information and they are now expanding the flights to include Vietnam veterans.

Minutes Approved-

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the minutes of the September 24th, 2018 regular meeting.

AYE: 6 ABSENT: 2(Bavoso, Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1(Santini) CARRIED

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Michael Adams expressed to Mayor his problem with the title regarding the combining of two lots that he purchased. He received bills regarding his property and he wanted to verify that the Mayor and Council received his request to remove the charge for title search. It was verified that the Council members had received his request and will provide an answer after they review it.

Laura Meyer, Tourism Board, spoke inviting the public to the Downtown Merchants Association Spooktacular on October 27th. She encourages individuals to come in costume.

Linda Van Horn expressed her desire to get more information on the agenda. The Mayor indicated that the agenda is prepared days in advance and will remain in the current format. Linda then inquired about the 2019 budget which the Mayor informed her will be presented at the next meeting. Linda then asked about raises that she heard were given to department heads. The Mayor informed her that there is a committee reviewing issues with department head salary administration but that nothing has been approved by the Council.

Ed DeGroat expressed that he is now happy living on his block now that the motorcycle repair is gone. He then questioned how many building officials there were in the City of Port Jervis. The Mayor responded that there are two building officials. Mr. DeGroat then presented a document which the Mayor verified was signed by a part-time building inspector which is different from an official. The Mayor noted that we have several part-time building and fire inspectors in addition to our Building officials.

Regis Foster made a motion seconded by Gina Fitzpatrick for the Common Council to enter into Executive Session regarding the following matters:

1. A matter regarding potential litigation involving property at 32 West Main Street.
2. A matter involving existing litigation regarding the property at 126 Front Street.
3. A contractual matter involving 20 Minisink Avenue.
4. A contractual matter involving Starcrawf Bike Events.
5. A contractual matter involving Access 23.

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6. A matter regarding litigation involving the Tri-State Bridge Project.

7. Discussion regarding potential acquisition of 184-186 Pike Street.

Following the Council meeting we will have an Executive Session regarding contractual matters involving City Officer employment agreements and retirement agreements for City employees.

And

Upon the conclusion of Executive Session, the Council will may be meeting with our legal counsel for advice regarding matters involving attorney/client privilege.

AYE: 7 ABSENT: 2(Bavoso, Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting adjourned to Executive session at 7:16pm

Meeting Reconvened at 7:45pm

Business:

Ms. Randazzo-

Ms. Randazzo noted that at the Plumbing & Electrical on October 3rd, 11 applications were reviewed for one-time licenses with respect to the AHC project thru the PJCDA and possible reciprocal licenses with Sullivan County were discussed. Plumbing referred to the code committee the possibility that all plumbing and electrical inspections become the responsibility of the contractor. It was noted that the plumbing stipend is currently not being paid by the City.

Code Committee discussed operating, fire permits and all types of permits along with fees for inspections and permits. It was noted that other municipalities charge for a lot of permits that we do not. Also discussed were fees for multiple dwelling permits and inspections. It was discussed that the building dept. would need additional personnel to implement same. Homestead classification was reviewed. Discussion regarding scofflaws was tabled. Vacant registration fees were also discussed for possible revisions to the current law. The committee asked Mr. Rivera to obtain information from Middletown and Newburgh with respect to fees and inspections. Code also reviewed issued regarding city owned properties.

Ms. Randazzo noted that the next meetings related to Code are Plumbing & Electrical on 11/7 at 6:30 & 6:45 respectively and Code committee at 7pm also on 11/7.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick-

1. The 70th Annual Halloween Parade will be held on SATURDAY October 27, 2018 at 3:00 pm. Line-up will be on Hammond Street in front of City Hall. Parade will start at 3:30 pm. At the conclusion of the parade at Farnum Park prizes will be awarded by The Elks and refreshments served by the Recreation Commission. The parade is for children, adults and pets. Please note pets must be leashed. Join us on October 27 for a fun day! Remember to dress in costume. The rain date is Sunday October 28- same times and locations.
2. Registration for our new fall program- Little Chefs at PJ Rec will be held at the Youth Center on October 23, 25, 30 and November 1 at 6:00 pm. This cooking program is for boys and girls ages 9-12. Cost is \$30 per person. Class size is limited to 12 kids! Don't miss out on this fun and educational program!
3. Youth Soccer at West End Beach continues this Saturday October 13. Program times are 9:00 am- for ages 3-6 and 10:00 am for ages 7 and older. This program will run until the end of October.
4. This past Sunday- October 7, 35 adults and children attended the Recreation sponsored field trip to the New York Jets football game at Met Life Stadium. The weather was great and everyone had a great time as the Jets defeated the Broncos 34-10. Thank you to all that attended and supported us.
5. For more information contact the Recreation office at 845-858-4045 or email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net.
6. The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Mr. Belcher- Absent

Mr. Santini-

Dominic Santini reported that the Zoning meeting had been cancelled. The next meeting is Tuesday November 6th at 7pm.

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He reported that the Planning board reviewed the O&R site plans which were approved and they gave approvals for the Ice Cream Soda Club and 138 West Main Street. The next meeting is October 16th at 7pm.

Mr. Foster-

Regis Foster reported that at the ADA meeting on October 1st it was noted that with all of the sidewalk construction recently done there have been 28 new ADA curb cuts added. He also reviewed additional areas that will be receiving new sidewalks. The senior club that is now meeting at the Goodwill Church has asked for a review of handicapped accessible access. This issue will be referred to the DPW direct Jack Farr. Next meeting will be 1/7 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Foster announced the free Rabies clinic on Sunday 10/14 at the Howard Wheat firehouse on Owen Street from 10am-noon.

Next police committee will be 10/18 at 6pm.

Mr. Bavoso arrived at 7:55 pm

Mrs. Mann-

Maria Mann read a report on behalf of Mr. Belcher DPW update: Garbage and recycling will be 1 day later due to the Columbus Day holiday. Paper and recycling pickup will continue to be picked up on normal schedule. Yard debris will continue to be picked up on Mondays in all wards. Please be sure to use compostable and/or biodegradable bags for disposal. Debris placed in cans must be of 35 gallons or less in size.

The Tristate bridge construction will commence this week so please use caution when driving through the tri-states area. Hydrant flushing is continuing. For up to date information please sign up for Nixle alerts through the link on the City website @ www.portjervisny.org. If your water is discolored during the flushing please clear by running your cold water only until clear. The next DPW meeting will take place on Monday November 5th, 2018 at 6pm here in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Lisa Randazzo seconded by Gina Fitzpatrick to approve the DPW minutes from October 1st.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Maria Mann seconded by Kristin Trovei to declare the 2002 DPW Bucket Truck Vin # 1HTMKAAR128518009 as surplus equipment and allow the DPW Director to place it with Auctions International for any sale proceeds possible.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Next tourism meeting 10/10 at 7pm.

The next IDA meeting will be held on October 15th, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Mrs. Trovei-

The next finance meeting will be held on October 17th, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Bavoso to pay the current bills for General Fund, Water Fund, and Capital Account for a total of \$353,803.37.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Mrs. Trovei, seconded by Mr. Siegel for County tax exemption, Whereas, the City of Port Jervis is presently exempt from County taxes on its watershed property located in the Town of Deerpark, and

Whereas, these lands are devoted solely to the public use as part of said City of Port Jervis water supply system, and

Whereas, under Section 406-3 of the Real Property Law, the City of Port Jervis can request that the real property listed on Schedule "A" and located in the Town of Deerpark be exempt from these taxes,

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Now therefore be it resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis requests the County Executive of Orange County enter into an agreement with said City of Port Jervis to exempt this real property located in the Town of Deerpark from County taxes for the year 2020.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Kristin Trovei, seconded by David Bavoso for a Halloween Curfew, WHEREAS, the City of Port Jervis Common Council has recognized that:

In the interest of public safety, the Common Council hereby enacts a Halloween Curfew to begin the evening of, October 15, 2018, and run through November 16, 2018 for all individuals under the age of seventeen (17) years. The curfew shall prohibit individuals under the age of seventeen (17) years from being out on City streets and sidewalks between the hours of 9:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. each evening unless accompanied by a parent or guardian and/or walking to or from a bonafide educational, religious or city sponsored activity.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mrs. Trovei reviewed the CDA Board meeting which included a review of the finances, section 8 update, CDA Director's report, grant updates and bids for CDA projects. She noted that financial assistance for home energy and heating bills are available through the HEAP program anyone interested should apply by calling 845-291-2002.

Mrs. Trovei indicated that CDA's next meeting is October 24th at 7pm.

She noted that the Port Jervis Elks are having a Harvest of Hope Dinner Dance on November 17th beginning at 7pm with the proceeds to go to Operation PJ Pride tickets are \$20 each.

The Outdoor Club is holding a tricky tray fundraiser at 12pm on 10/20 at the Port Jervis high school with calling to begin at 2pm.

She informed us that the Tourism Board will be conducting a Halloween decorating contest with prizes and that homeowners can call the mayor's office at 858-4017 through 10/24 to register their homes for judging. There are gift certificates for winners in each category.

She reminded everyone that there will be free dog licensing for those getting their vaccinations at the free rabies clinic on 10/14.

October 12th is the last day to register to vote and absentee ballots need to be mailed by 10/30/2018.

Mrs. Trovei noted that the upcoming tax lien sale on 11/13/2018 will be advertised this Friday 10/12 in the newspaper and that the last day of redemption from the 2016 tax lien sale is 11/15/2018.

Mrs. Trovei indicated that she will be making a motion at the end of the meeting to go into executive session for discussion of employment agreements, retirement agreements, police department hires and promotions.

Mrs. Trovei congratulated Police Chief William Worden on winning the 2018 Edward A. Diana Alumni Leadership Award.

Mr. Siegel-

Stanley Siegel made a motion seconded by Regis Foster as follows:

It is hereby requested that the below named person be approved for active membership into the Port Jervis Fire Department in the Company stated: Michael J. Petronio - Maghogomock Hook Ladder Company No. 1.

The members of the Board of Officers of the Port Jervis Fire Department approved this application on 10/01/2018 and by the prospective member's Company on the date as stated on the individual's application.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Stanley Siegel made a motion seconded by David Bavoso as follows:

It is hereby requested that the below named person be approved for active membership into the Port Jervis Fire Department in the Company stated: Zachary T. Perkowski - Delaware Engine Company No. 2.

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The members of the Board of Officers of the Port Jervis Fire Department approved this application on 10/01/2018 and by the prospective member's Company on the date as stated on the individual's application.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Stanley Siegel made a motion seconded by David Bavoso as follows:

It is hereby requested that the below indicated change be approved in the By-Law Addendum for Excelsior Engine Company No. 5: **Addendum EE, Section I, Part 1. Change meeting time to 7:00 p.m. from 8:00 p.m.**

The members of the Board of Officers of the Port Jervis Fire Department approved this change on 10/01/2018.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Stanley Siegel made a motion seconded by David Bavoso as follows:

It is hereby requested that the below named firefighter be approved as a Probationary Driver for the Company stated:
Brian S. Vanderveer – Port Jervis Fire Police

Attached is a copy of the firefighter's Driver License duly issued by the State of New York. This information was previously entered into the New York State, Department of Motor Vehicles, License Event Notification Service (LENS). This service will notify the Department upon the expiration and renewal of a driver license; the suspension, revocation and restoration of a driver license; changes to a driver license class and privilege; traffic convictions, reportable accidents; driver license suspension or revocation orders, completion of a training course to reduce insurance premiums; changes to Haz-Mat license endorsements; and changes to MedCert status.

This request was approved by the Board of Officers on 10/01/2018.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Stanley Siegel made a motion seconded by David Bavoso as follows:

It is hereby requested that Delaware Engine Company No. 2 be permitted to attend the following event:

Wet Down in Silver Lake on 10/27/2017

The members of the Board of Officers of the Port Jervis Fire Department approved this request on 10/01/2018.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Stanley Siegel made a motion seconded by Lisa Randazzo as follows:

It is hereby requested that Delaware Engine Company No. 2 & Excelsior Engine Company No. 5 be approved to host the following joint fundraiser: **Comedy Show to be held on 02/15/2019 at the Elks Lodge**

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mr. Siegel announced a change of event for the Hose #4 Fire Safety Demo. The event has been re-scheduled to 10/20/2018 @ 11:30am at Foundry 42.

Mr. Siegel announced that if any firefighters missed the physicals today that the next opportunity is 10/13 9-11am or you must get the physical done by your own physician at your own cost.

October 7th-13th is Fire Prevention week with a theme of Look, Listen, Learn and Mr. Siegel expressed the importance of having warning devices. More information is available at www.fireprevention.org.

Mr. Siegel announced the next FEM meeting will be held on October 15th, 2018, the Housing Authority will meet on October 23rd, 2018 at 7:00pm at Hillside Terrace. He noted that the next Interfaith Council Meeting will be 10/13 at 10:00 am at St. Peters Lutheran Church. They are looking for volunteers for the tax aid program. If you are interested call 845-849-1649.

He also announced the free rabies clinic again.

Mr. Siegel gave a synopsis of an article in a local newspaper regarding deer hunting on NYC reservoir property. Mayor Decker noted that hunting is NOT allowed in our watershed property around the Port Jervis reservoirs.

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Mr. Bavoso-

The next Comprehensive Plan meeting is scheduled for 10/25 @ 6pm.

He thanked his fellow Councilpersons for baking him pies as he was not able to judge the pie contest at the Fall Foliage event.

Mrs. Randazzo made a motion seconded by Kristin Trovei to authorize corporation counsel to present a counter offer regarding the sale of property at 20 Minisink Avenue.

For the Good of the City-

There was no comment from the public.

Mayor Decker-

Kelly Decker spoke about the on-going work that is happening with regards to the environmental assessments by Barton & Loguidice for the annexation of properties from Deerpark including legal requirements and phase II environmental. This will cost \$75,000 to complete to be split between Deerpark and Port Jervis which the Mayor is referring to the finance committee.

Mayor Decker requested a motion for a season finale fund raising event at the Farmer's market for this upcoming Saturday which requires an extension of time of use for the parking lot. Motion made by Stanley Siegel, seconded by David Bavoso.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker requested a motion to approve a contract for the payment of maintenance in lieu of rent for the Unified Court System which is a 5 year term. Motion made by Stanley Siegel, seconded by David Bavoso.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker requested a motion to approve a request from the PJCD for a waiver of the licensing and building fees for the contractors on the AHC Grant program so that grant funds can be maximized to benefit repairs for the homeowners in the program. Motion made by David Bavoso, seconded by Kristin Trovei. Mr. Siegel said he is not comfortable waiving licensing fees. Mrs. Randazzo clarified that this is in support of the grant program only and supported by the electrical board.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

9/28/2018 we were notified that we did not win in this round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Recently we were notified of a possible scam regarding DOXO and the payment of water bills through them. They are a company that does third party administration for your personal bill payments but they are not in any endorsed or approved by the City. You can pay your water bills on line directly through our payment portal on our City website or in person at City Hall.

Patterns for Progress issued their Urban Agenda report where it is noted that a healthy community has about 30% rentals. 5 years ago we were at 60% rentals and now 44% of our housing stock is rentals whereas Orange County overall is only 29% rentals. Therefore it is our goal to continue to promote homeownership towards the goals in this plan.

Mayor Decker indicated that there are many events occurring this weekend:

- Crop Walk on Sunday at 2pm
- Erie 80 Bike Race on Sunday
- Tricky Tray by the Outdoor Club
- Farmers Market Outdoor finale event

Mayor Decker indicated that there was a ground breaking ceremony for the bridge project at noon on 10/9 with lots of dignitaries in attendance and the project will go into full swing on 10/25. You will begin to see setup, equipment being moved in, the demolition of several buildings and construction of the temporary bridge. For the most part traffic will continue to flow through the area with some possible delays. There will be two times in the spring where a complete road closure will be necessary but everyone will be notified in advance. He stated that notifications are being made to emergency responders and community providers such as schools.

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Mrs. Trovei made a motion seconded by David Bavoso to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment agreements, retirement agreements, police department illness, police department hires and promotions with an invitation to the Chief of Police.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Mayor Decker indicated to the public that there could be votes resulting from the executive session.

Meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:35 pm

Meeting reconvened from executive session at 9:42pm

Motion by Regis Foster seconded by Gina Fitzpatrick to hire Emily Lonzo as a part-time police clerk at step 1 salary effective 10/9/2018.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Motion by Regis Foster seconded by Stanley Siegel to promote Daniel Mioglionico to the position of Detective effective 10/29/2018.

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned –

Motion by Mrs. Trovei seconded by Mr. Foster to adjourn to the meeting at 9:44pm

AYE: 8 ABSENT: 1(Belcher) NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 CARRIED

Robin Waizenegger
Clerk Treasurer